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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK
JERRY VAUGHN,
Plaintiff,

-against-

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,

Defendants.	
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SUMMONS

Plaintiff(s) designate County as the place of trial. New York

The basis of the venue is Defendant's place of business

Plaintiff(s) reside at 278 Main Street #6 Hudson Falls, NY 12839

Index No.:
Date Summons &
Complaint Filed:

To the above named Defendant(s)

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty days after the services of this summons exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Port Washington, NY

September 12, 2019

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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JERRY VAUGHN

Plaintiff(s),

Index No.:
Jury Trial Demanded

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,

Defendant(s).

Plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, by his attorneys Parker Waichman LLP, complaining of the defendants, respectfully alleges, on personal knowledge as to himself and on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

- 1. At the time of the commencement of this action plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was a resident of the County of Washington State of New York.
- 2. At the time of the incident(s) giving rise to this complaint, plaintiff was a resident of the County of Schenectady, State of New York.
 - 3. This action is timely pursuant to CPLR 214-g.
- 4. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law, with its principal office at 40 North Mail Avenue, Albany New York.
- 5. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, was a religious corporation organized pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law with its principal office 125 Thompson Street, New York, New York
 - 6. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, was a religious order within and under the authority of defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY.

- 7. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, oversaw, managed, controlled, directed and operated, defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 8. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, managed, supervised and controlled those who were employed or otherwise worked for defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, including, but not limited to priests, nuns and other personnel and volunteers, both while they were on premises and engaged in off-premises activities related to their employment with defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY.
- 9. At all times herein mentioned, defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, managed, supervised and controlled those who were employed or otherwise worked for defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, including, but not limited to priests, nuns and other personnel and volunteers, both while they were on premises and engaged in off-premises activities related to their employment with defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY.
- 10. From on or about January 1, 1978 through on or about December 31, 1979, plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, an infant, was a resident under the care of THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 11. From on or about January 1, 1978 through on or about December 31, 1979, plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was a resident under the care of defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

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12. At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein Rev. Frank Genevieve, was a priest assigned by defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, to defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

- 13. At all times herein mentioned and relevant to the allegations set forth herein, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was a priest at defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 14. At all times herein mentioned, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was employed by defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY.
- 15. At all times herein mentioned, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was employed by the FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE defendant, THE OF THE **IMMACULATE** CONCEPTION.
- 16. Through his position with defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was put in direct contact with plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, then an infant.
- 17. Through his position with defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was put in direct contact with plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, then an infant.
- 18. That on or about January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1979, Rev. Frank Genevieve, sexually abused the plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN.
- 19. At all times herein mentioned, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was under the management, supervision, employ, direction and/or control of defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY.
 - At all times herein mentioned, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was under the management, 20.

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supervision, employ, direction and/or control of defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

- 21. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, knew and/or reasonably should have known and/or knowingly condoned and/or covered up, the inappropriate and unlawful sexual activities of Rev. Frank Genevieve, who sexually abused the plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, while plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was an infant.
- 22. Defendant, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY, had the responsibility to manage, supervise, control and/or direct priests assigned to defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 23. Defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, had the responsibility to manage, supervise, control and/or direct priests assigned to defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 24. At all relevant times, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, had a duty not to aid pedophiles such as Rev. Frank Genevieve, by assigning, maintaining and/or appointing he/she to positions in which he/she would have access to minors.
- 25. At all relevant times, Rev. Frank Genevieve, used his position as a priest to entice, take control of plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, and sexually assault, sexually abuse or have sexual contact with plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, while plaintiff was a minor.
- 26. Defendants, individually, jointly and/or severally, violated various New York statutes, including, but not limited to N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law §§413 and 420, which require school officials and teachers to report suspected cases of child abuse and impose liability for failure to

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report.

27. Plaintiff suffered physical and psychological injuries and damages as a result of his

childhood sexual abuse by Rev. Frank Genevieve.

28. As a direct result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff suffered and will continue to

suffer great pain of body and mind, severe and permanent emotional distress and physical

manifestations of emotional distress. As a result of his childhood sexual abuse, plaintiff has been

prevented from obtaining the full enjoyment of life, has incurred and will continue to incur

expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy and counseling and has incurred and

will continue to incur loss of income and/or loss of earning capacity.

29. Because of his childhood sexual abuse, plaintiff JERRY VAUGHN is unable to

fully describe all of the details of that abuse and the extent of the harm that he suffered as a result.

AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT HIRING, RETENTION, SUPERVISION AND/OR DIRECTION

30. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1

through 29 as if fully set forth herein.

31. The sexual abuse of children by adults, including priests and teachers, is

foreseeable.

32. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, at all relevant

times represented and held out to the public, defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS

PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, to be safe places for learning and

participating in youth activities.

33. At all relevant times, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were

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each under an express and/or implied duty to protect and care for plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN

34. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, negligently hired, retained, directed and supervised Rev. Frank Genevieve, because they knew or should have known that Rev. Frank Genevieve, posed a threat of sexual abuse of children such as plaintiff.

- 35. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, knew or should have known that Rev. Frank Genevieve, had a propensity to engage in the conduct which caused plaintiff's injuries prior to or about the time of the occurrence of these injuries.
- 36. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, owed a duty of care to all minors, including plaintiff, who were likely to come under the influence or supervision of Rev. Frank Genevieve, in their role as teacher, priest, counselor, trustee, director, officer, employee, agent, servant and/or volunteer to ensure that Rev. Frank Genevieve, did not use their assigned positions to injure minors by sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual contact with minors.
- 37. Rev. Frank Genevieve, sexually assaulted, sexually abused and/or had sexual contact with plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, on defendants' premises, including THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 38. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were put on notice of Rev. Frank Genevieve's improper and inappropriate actions toward minors.
- 39. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were negligent in failing to properly supervise Rev. Frank Genevieve.

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40. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were negligent in failing to properly manage Rev. Frank Genevieve.

- 41. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were negligent in failing to properly control Rev. Frank Genevieve.
- 42. At all relevant times, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were willful, wanton, malicious, reckless and/or outrageous in their disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff.
- 43. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' above described omissions, plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer the injuries described herein.
- 44. By reason of the foregoing, the defendants are liable to plaintiff jointly, severally and/or in the alternative, for compensatory damages and punitive damages, together with costs and interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE/GROSS NEGLIGENCE

- 45. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 44 as if fully set forth herein.
- 46. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, knew or negligently failed to know that Rev. Frank Genevieve, posed a threat of sexual abuse to children.
 - 47. The acts of Rev. Frank Genevieve, as described above, were undertaken, enabled

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by, and/or during the course of their respective employment, assignment, appointment and/or agency with defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

- 48. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
 - a. gave improper or ambiguous orders or failed to make proper regulations, and/or employed improper persons in work involving risk of harm to others;
 - b. failed to adequately supervise the activities of Rev. Frank Genevieve;
 - failed to adequately supervise and safeguard minors attending defendant, THE FRANCISCAN **FRIARS PROVINCE** OF THE **IMMACULATE** CONCEPTION;
 - d. permitted and/or intentionally failed and/or neglected to prevent negligent or tortious conduct by persons, whether or not their servants, agents or employees, upon premises under their control; and
 - e. allowed the acts of omission and/or commission of any or all of the allegations set forth in this Complaint to occur.
- 49. At all relevant times Rev. Frank Genevieve, was under the supervision, employ, direction and/or control of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 50. At all relevant times, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were wanton, willful, malicious, reckless and outrageous in their disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff, which conduct was equivalent to criminal conduct.
 - 51. As a direct and/or indirect result of said conduct, plaintiff has suffered injuries and

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damages as described herein.

52. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

- 53. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 52 as if fully set forth herein.
- At all relevant times, there existed a fiduciary relationship of trust, confidence, and 54. reliance between plaintiff, on the one hand, and defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, on the other, based upon the entrustment of plaintiff, while he was a minor child, to the care and supervision of the defendants and each of them, as a parishioner, worshiper, invitee, attendee or guest at defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, and as a student, invitee, attendee or guest at defendant, THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. entrustment of the plaintiff to the care and supervision of the defendants and each of them, while plaintiff was a minor child, required the defendants to assume a fiduciary role and to act in the best interests of the plaintiff and to protect him while he was a minor and vulnerable child.
- 55. Pursuant to their fiduciary relationship with plaintiff, defendants were entrusted with the well-being, care and safety of plaintiff.
- 56. Pursuant to their fiduciary relationship with plaintiff, defendants assumed a duty to act in the best interests of plaintiff.

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57. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, breached their fiduciary duties to plaintiff.

- 58. At all relevant times, the actions and/or inactions of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were willful, malicious, wanton, reckless and outrageous in their disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff.
- 59. As a direct result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff has suffered injuries and damages described herein.
- 60. By reason of the foregoing, defendants, jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF NON-DELEGABLE DUTY

- 61. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 60 as of fully set forth herein.
- 62. When he was a minor, plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was placed in the care of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, for the purposes of providing plaintiff with a safe environment in which to participate in youth activities and receive an education. There was thus created a non-delegable duty of trust between plaintiff and defendants.
- 63. Plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was a vulnerable child when placed in the care of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

64. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, and each of

them, were in the best position to prevent plaintiff from being abused and/or to have learned of the

repeated abuse by Rev. Frank Genevieve, and to have stopped it.

As evidenced by the fact that plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, was sexually abused as 65.

a minor child entrusted to the care of the defendants, these defendants breached their non-delegable

duty to plaintiff.

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66. At all relevant times, Rev. Frank Genevieve, was under the supervision,

employment, direction and/or control of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION.

As a result of the sexually abusive conduct of Rev. Frank Genevieve, plaintiff, 67.

JERRY VAUGHN, suffered the injuries and damages described herein, the full extent of which is

unknown at present.

68. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative

are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with interest

and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

69. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1

through 68 above as if set forth at length herein.

70. As described above, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY

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> and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and Rev. Frank Genevieve, acted in a negligent and/or grossly negligent manner.

> 71. The actions of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION and Rev. Frank Genevieve, endangered plaintiff's safety and caused him to fear for his own safety.

> As a direct and proximate result of the actions of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC 72. DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, which included, but were not limited to, negligent and/or grossly negligent conduct, plaintiff suffered severe injuries and damages as described herein, including, but not limited to, mental and emotional distress.

> 73. By reason of the foregoing, defendants, jointly, severally and/or in the alternative are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and for punitive damages, together with costs and interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF DUTY IN LOCO PARENTIS

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 74. through 73 as if set forth at length herein.
- 75. While he was a minor, plaintiff was entrusted by his parents to the control of the defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, for the purposes of providing plaintiff with an education and allowing him to participate in youth activities sponsored by defendants. During the times that plaintiff was at school and during the times that he participated in youth activities, he was under the supervision and control of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC

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DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. These defendants, and each of them, at all relevant times and

now, owed and owe a duty to children entrusted their care to act in loco parentis and to prevent

foreseeable injuries.

duty to act in loco parentis.

76. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, breached their

77. At all relevant times the actions of defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, were willful, malicious, wanton, reckless, negligent, grossly negligent and/or outrageous in their disregard for the rights and safety of plaintiff.

- 78. As a direct result of defendants' conduct, plaintiff, JERRY VAUGHN, has suffered the injuries and damages described herein.
- 79. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative, are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages, and for punitive damages, together with interest and costs in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK SOCIAL SERVICES LAW §§ 413, 420 TO REPORT ABUSE

- 80. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in paragraphs 1 through 79 as if fully set forth herein.
- 81. Pursuant to N.Y. Social Services Law §§413, 420, defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, had a statutory duty to report the reasonable suspicion of abuse

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of children in their care.

82. Defendants, ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ALBANY and THE

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, breached that

duty by knowingly and willfully failing to report reasonable suspicion of abuse by Rev. Frank

Genevieve, of children in their care.

83. As a direct and/or indirect result of said conduct, plaintiff has suffered injuries and

damages as described above.

84. By reason of the foregoing, defendants jointly, severally and/or in the alternative

are liable to plaintiff for compensatory damages and punitive damages, together with costs and

interest in excess of the jurisdictional limits of all lower courts which would otherwise have

jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment against defendants on each cause of

action as follows:

A. Awarding compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, but in

any event in an amount that exceeds the jurisdictional limits of all lower

courts which would otherwise have jurisdiction;

B. Awarding punitive damages to the extent permitted by law;

C. Awarding prejudgment interest to the extent permitted by law;

D. Awarding costs and fees of this action, including attorneys' fees, to the

extent permitted by law;

E. Awarding such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and

proper.

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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September 12, 2019

Yours, etc.

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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)	
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COUNTY OF NASSAU)	

Brett A. Zekowski, an attorney and counselor at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms the following to be true under penalties of perjury:

I am an associate of the firm Parker Waichman LLP attorneys for the plaintiff(s) herein.

I have read the foregoing Complaint and know the contents thereof. Upon information and belief, I believe the matters alleged therein to be true.

The source of your deponent's information and the grounds of my belief are communications, papers, reports and investigations contained in my file.

The reason this verification is made by deponent and not by plaintiff(s) is that plaintiff(s) reside in a county other than the one in which your deponent's office is maintained.

Dated: Port Washington, NY September 12, 2019

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Dated: September 12, 2019

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TO: